Chefoo. China. Oct. 13. 1907.

My dearest Mother.

Your letter of Sept 12. came several days ago. You see the letters come and go direct to Japan and dont go by Shanghai from Chefoo. so it takes less time.

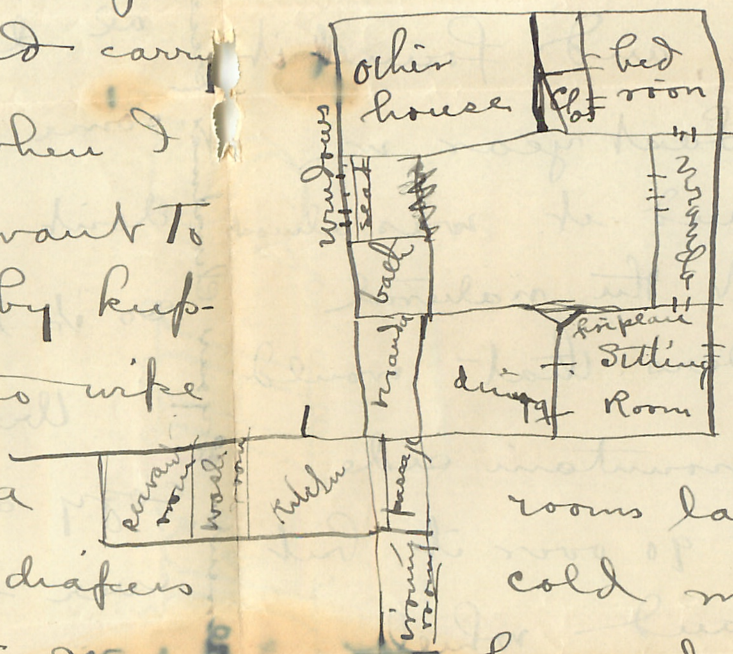
Well we are moved and as cozy and comfortable as we have ever been. We have a sitting and dining room with large door between - two bedrooms which both open upon an enclosed veranda then in front. and bath room opening into my bedroom and the back porch. ~~Th~~ Then there are

This is the first instalment of your Christmas present.

Today we went for a long walk and took all the babies with us. We made the natives stare and grin. Went out an old road which leads to Wei hai Wei, and found it paved nicely. Last year we went over it and it was almost impassable. Just the natural rocks and boulders that would crop out of a mountain side. Nothing could go over it but pack animals and wheel barrows. Then we came through a wall (ten feet high built in 1894 to keep the Japs from taking the city. A smart boy could climb over it) and found a fine new school

but the cook wasn't able and the
boy was sure he couldn't wash
all these windows so we said
if we called a coolie he could
help with the baby's washing and
help the boy wash and carry
one end of my chair when I
needed him and I want to
help out his work by keep-
ing some bare space to wipe
up. We didn't have a
boy come to wash the diapers
as I had planned and we
won't send anything but Alvin's
collars to the laundry so
I guess will come out about
even and save all the
friction the others would
make if we didn't keep him.

three small rooms. with mat
floors though the walls are
plastered and have ~~foreign~~
glass windows. I'll see if
I can give you a drawing



Our rugs cover
the floors very
nicely. We have
pretty matting in
the dining & sitting
rooms and will get
more for the bed
rooms later if we find it
cold without. I like the
bare edges better as it
can be wiped up and then it
is clean. We didn't intend to
keep a coolie when we came out
here as the well is near and
our cooking small. We thought
the cook could bring the water.